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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This paper is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the action of the voters at the Democratic Primary of August 1, 1916:

For Sheriff—
EARLY ZION
CLIPPER HAMILTON

For Tax Assessor—
C. A. WOODWARD

PAVE ELM STREET

Residents of That Street Call Meeting to be Held at City Hall Thursday Night.

Many of the property owners living on Elm street, one of Durant's most beautiful residence streets, have decided that the street should be paved and sentiment among the people interested seems to be in favor of the movement.

Messrs. G. W. Archibald, D. S. MacDonald and A. H. Ferguson, three property owners on the street, have signed a call for a meeting of people interested to be held at the city hall Thursday night at 7:30 for the purpose of discussing the proposed movement.

If it is found that the majority of the people interested favor the paving, the city council will immediately be petitioned to take the necessary steps to have the street paved.

DEBATE ON BAPTISM

The News has been requested to announce the following:

"Debate: A public discussion on the subject of 'Baptism,' between Elders Ingram and Cooper will take place at the East Side Presbyterian church on Friday evening, March 3, at 7:30 p. m."

NEW CREAMERY

Will Have Daily Capacity of 450 Gallons of Ice Cream, and Will Also be Equipped for Making Butter and Cheese.

Jenson Brothers, owners of the Durant Ice Cream and Creamery Co., are installing new machinery and an entire new plant in the building just north of the Hale-Halsell Grocery Company, formerly occupied by Armour & Company, and by March the 10th expect to have their new plant in operation.

The new investment will total in the neighborhood of \$4,000, and the new machinery being installed includes a Dry Hardening Room, a five-ton Larson Ice Machine, and an ammonia freezer. The building is being refitted inside, and when completed, the walls, ceiling and floor will be of white sanitary enamel, making the most sanitary conditions possible.

The company will be able to put out about 350 gallons of ice cream per day, and will amply equipped to make into butter and cheese all the milk and cream that can be furnished them. For the time being they will not undertake to make butter and cheese, but will ship all the milk they can.

Associated with them will be Mr. C. F. Bond of Sapulpa, an experienced ice cream man, who will have charge of the mechanical department. Their territory of endeavor will extend as far north on the Katy as Stringtown, to the Arkansas line east, and to Madill on the west.

COMPLAINS OF TRAINS BLOCKING CROSSINGS

The News has heard many complaints from people who frequently have to cross the Katy tracks at Cedar street that Katy freight trains are switched along the tracks at that point and block traffic for as much as twenty minutes or a half an hour, causing pedestrians and persons in vehicles to have to go two blocks out of their way, sometimes farther, to get across the tracks. We are of the impression that there is a city ordinance limiting the time that a train may block a crossing to five minutes, at least, we are so informed. If this is correct, the Katy people are imposing upon the good nature of the people who are thus inconvenienced. This is respectfully commended to the attention of the city officials.

J. W. HARSHBARGER DEAD

Monday morning Fred Harle and Dr. J. B. Smith received a telegram from Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Harle announcing the death of their father, which occurred Sunday night at the family home at San Diego, Cal. Mr. Harshbarger had been ill for several years. He was 70 years of age and had been prominently identified with the growth of California. The funeral services were held Tuesday of this week.

BUILD CHURCH AT BENNINGTON

According to F. F. Cain, who was here this week from Bennington, the people of the Christian church there have bought a lot and are making preparations to erect a new modern church building this summer.

Baseball Goods

Baseball season is upon us—preparations works as well in the national game as elsewhere. We have complete lines of gloves, mits, masks, bats, balls, shin-guards, breast-pads, and so forth, of the famous Spaulding make. Let us fit you out—now—get prepared for the base ball season.

REILLY BOOK STORE

Third Ave. Durant, Okla.

ANOTHER OIL WELL

Drilling Starts Next Week on Leo Thompson's Land South of Durant.—Will Drill 2,500 Feet If Necessary.

Unless the plans of Porter Newman and one S. B. Longfellow of Tulsa miscarry, another test well for oil and gas will be started next week. Drilling is busy this week getting 9-7-9, two miles south of Durant, and Mr. Longfellow, an experienced oil driller, is busy this week getting his derrick up and the material and machinery on the ground. The location selected for the test is almost on the dead center of the section. Identified also with the enterprise is Tim Wheeler, who is working in conjunction with Mr. Newman.

A large acreage of land in a block is under lease, and the promoters are prepared to drill twenty-five hundred feet into mother earth if necessary, to find oil, or gas, or nothing. They express themselves as highly confident of finding oil in paying quantities.

PATIENCE WITH NEW USURY LAW URGED

In an address delivered at McAlester the other day, Governor Williams discussed the usury law. He had in his audience a number of bankers and other business men, the occasion being the dinner of the Business Men's League of that city. That the bankers and business men ought to be patient and try to work under the provisions of the new usury law was the advice of the Governor.

"The law attempts to enforce the provisions of the Constitution that not more than 10 per cent interest shall be charged in this State," said the Governor. "To claim that they cannot do business under this law is for the bankers to admit that they have been doing business in the past in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. The situation is not defensible."

"Every time a boy is sent to the penitentiary for forgery of a check or some other offense against a bank he keeps in the back of his mind the thought that he is being punished for an offense and that the banks are committing offenses and not being punished for them. This is the wrong thing. It ought not to be permitted that one class of violations of the law be punished and another class condoned. If the banking business cannot be conducted under the existing provisions of the Constitution either the business must fall or the Constitution must be changed. It is not right and must not be permitted to violate the organic law in the manner that has been the case."

"I do not take alarm at the cry which has been set up that this usury law will give the small borrowers to the credit stores for advancements at prohibitive rates of profit or interest. I do not want Oklahoma to be a one-crop State. I want to discourage the cotton farmer who goes to the store to buy everything his family and his stock have to eat. Oklahoma must be a diversified State. It must get away from the one-crop idea and from the theory of getting advancements from the traders or credits from the banks to make crops upon. If this law shall drive farmers to the necessity of living at home it will be doing good and will redound in the end to the great benefit of this State."

"Bankers who are shouting their denunciation of this law ought to be putting in their time figuring on how to conform to it. A year of business under its provisions will develop a great many things that the people of this State are entitled to know. That it will disclose the impossibility of banks and others complying with the very reasonable interest laws of Oklahoma seems to me to be very improbable."

See our New Neckwear. J. D. Haynes.

LIVESTOCK MARKET

Kansas City Stock Yards, Feb. 29. Opening prospects pointed to lower prices on cattle today, but conditions did not bear out the forecast, and sales were called strong, market becoming active; receipts 8000 head. Sales of beef steers ranged mostly from 7.75 to 8.75 highest average range since the first of the year. Several stragglers of good Westerns arrived from northern Colorado, the best of them selling at 8.40 and 8.50; some plainer and rougher cattle from that district this week at 8.00 to 8.25. Cows and heifers are selling strong, choice heavy cows at 6.65 to 7.00, or a little better; fair to good cows 5.75 to 6.50; most of the heifers at 7.00 to 8.00, tops 8.50. Stocker and feeder trade maintained its phenomenal strength; stock steers selling this week at 6.75 to 7.90, and feeders at 7.30 to 7.90; there were exceptions above this range and some common stock steers around 6.25. Breeding stock is also in exceptional demand, stock cows at 5.75 and upwards; good stock heifers up to 7.50, and choice cows at 8.00 or more. The impression prevails here that there is a bare spot ahead in the supply of killing cattle, and some further advances are on the program. The high prices for stock grades are dropping in cattle that were taken out previously this winter at lower figures, owners figuring that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." This will probably keep a fair number of stock cattle coming, unless prices break. Hogs sold largely at 15 higher; receipts 15000 head. Top was 8.67 1/2, higher than any hogs sold since February, 1914; bulk of sales 8.30 to 8.60. Buyers took everything as fast as it was driven in this morning, order buyers setting a hot pace for the packers. The feature this week is the large number of hogs bought for eastern killers, that trade getting 4200 head yesterday, as compared with 6000 to local packers, which is a very large percentage for the shipping trade. At that, many orders from eastern killers went unfilled. Quality of the hogs here is very good, and the weights average around 200 pounds, showing a tendency to get heavier each week. Sheep and lambs sold steady today, several lots of lambs at 11.05, the top, including some weighing from 80 to 84 lbs. Medium finished lambs sold at 10.70 to 10.90, and some feeding lambs brought 10.60, the highest price ever paid for that class. Yearlings made 9.90 and ewes are quotable up to 8.00, some bringing that price yesterday; wethers 8.25 or better. Receipts are 11,000 today, and if shippers will restrain themselves just a little, they can keep the run down to its present size, and prices up to the present range, or higher.

J. A. RICKART, Market Correspondent.

JEFFERSON HIGHWAY TO BE ROCK ROAD THROUGH OKLA.

The State of Oklahoma was the first State which has not already a considerable mileage of rock roads to decide that it would build a rock road for the Jefferson Highway all the way from the Missouri and Kansas State lines to the Texas State line. In other words, Oklahoma proposes to make Jefferson Highway a solid bank of rock clear across the wonderful State. This, having decided upon it, Oklahoma will do, because that State harbors the kind of people who build and accomplish what the set out to do.

The routing of the Jefferson Highway through Oklahoma was in some ways a surprise to the Northern delegation. It was perfectly natural for the theoretical route makers of the North to draw their lines on the map southward from Joplin, Missouri, through western Arkansas to Shreveport. The inviting of the hosts which assembled at New Orleans was left entirely to the New Orleans Association of Commerce. It was thought by the Oklahomans at the time of the convention to have been a joke without a point—and it is thought now by the Northern delegates to have been an act of provocation. The Jefferson Highway Convention at New Orleans, and then were compelled to fight with all their might to get the highway at all. It is conceivable that they were considerably surprised to find themselves in attendance upon a conclave of building a highway through the wonderful State of Oklahoma.

The routing of the Jefferson Highway through Oklahoma has resulted in making the highway a farm land route from one end to the other. It is furthermore, practically speaking, a level country route approximately 2,500 miles long. It is impossible to approximate the length very closely, but if it is to be 2,500 miles long, this means that it will have a 5,000 mile frontage on land that is farmable and a large percentage of which is already improved. Oklahoma provided a level route, as compared with the Arkansas route, has untold farm land wealth, larger commercial centers, oil fields, and a closer consummation of it, the Oklahoma route adds another great new State to the Jefferson Highway, which every tourist wants to see, but would have missed if the main route had been designated through Arkansas. — Jefferson Highway Magazine.

Congress will reach the height of eruptivity, and the candidates will do plenty to the welkin.

Say—Mr. home owner
You forgot something

THOSE TREES

If you don't plant them soon it will be too late.
Then you will have another whole year to regret it.

Just thought we
would remind you

Durant Nursery Co.

Durant, Oklahoma

WOODWARD A CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

The News' announcement column this week carries the card of C. A. Woodward, who has announced his candidacy for the office of County Tax Assessor, subject to the Democratic primary August 1st. Mr. Woodward is too well known over the county to require much introduction. However, in a subsequent issue a more extended notice regarding his candidacy will appear in these columns.

APPOINTED DISTRICT GRAND DEPUTY OF MASONIC LODGE

Former editor F. E. Cain of the Bennington Tribune this week received his commission as district deputy grand master of the Masonic lodges of this district, comprising Bryan and Marshall counties, and will assume the duties of the office at once.

DURANT MAN KILLED

J. M. Quarles a Durant man, aged 30 years, was killed at Wichita Falls, Texas, Tuesday of this week, by a fall from a railroad bridge. Quarles fell forty feet and struck a heap of rocks, sustaining a fractured skull. He died without regaining consciousness. Details of the accident are lacking.

Costs you nothing to look—Saves you money—if you buy of J. D. Haynes.

See E. M. Evans for Typewriters.

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

County of Bryan,

In the Justice of the Peace Court of L. A. Terry, in and for said County and State.

J. W. Pruitt, Plaintiff,

vs. No.

S. E. Pair, Defendant.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
The said defendant, S. E. Pair, will take notice that he has been sued in the above named court upon an action of debt and must answer the Bill of Particulars filed herein by said plaintiff on or before the 31st day of March, A. D. 1916, or said Bill of Particulars will be taken as true and a judgment will be entered for the said plaintiff for the sum of \$54.45 with all interest and attorneys fees as asked for in the Bill of Particulars and the attachment therein will be sustained.

L. A. TERRY,
Justice of the Peace.
UTTERBACK & MACDONALD,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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Vienna Flour	- - -	\$3.10
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10-lb. Bucket Compound		\$1.15
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